

Support Media Diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I absolutely support retaining the current rules of ownership. More channels ("choices") do NOT mean more diversity when five or six mega-companies control all informational outlets and when broadcasts sound the same whether they emanate from Savannah or Spokane. A Syracuse professor put it best: "Consolidation...is anathema to a diversity of voices and a diversity of voices is a prerequisite of democracy."

It is your responsibility to act in the public interest. On June 2 you must act to protect and promote democracy.

Thank you,

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